SRI K. BALASUBRAMANYA AYYAR : Are the Government aware of the fact that there is a difficulty in re-employing people in the case of certain posts which are to be filled by promotions? If a man already in service is re-employed, it blocks the prospects of people down below and this does not encourage people to work very well. Will the Government consider this aspect also and see whether the age could not be raised to 58?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : If the age of retirement is raised to 58, then the chances of the people down below will be delayed by another three years. Therefore, Government have very carefully considered this and come to the conclusion that except in rare cases re-employment should not be given.

Bye-elections

* 31 *Q.*—SRI M. SUBBIAH CHETTIAR : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether travelling and daily allowances have been claimed by the Ministers during the three bye-elections held recently in the State; and

(*b*) if so, the details thereof?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN (on behalf of the Hon. the Chief Minister) : Presumably the hon. Member wants to know whether any of the Ministers drew Travelling or Daily allowance for touring the Constituencies concerned during the period of the three bye-elections held recently in this State. If so, the answer to clause (*a*) is in the negative and clause (*b*) does not arise.

Urdu speaking Muslims

* 32 *Q.*—SRI R. VENKATACHALAM (on bedalf of Sri K. S. Abdul Wahab) : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any representation has been received from the Urdu speaking Muslims to enlist them as backward community; and

(b) if so, the action taken or proposed to be taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN (on behalf of the Hon the Chief Minister) : (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) It has been decided that no action need be taken in the matter.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Questions are over.